

### **REMARKS**

Claims 7-20 and 21-25 are pending in the application, of which Claims 7, 13, 21, and 22 are independent claims.

Applicant amends Claims 7-9, 11-15, 18-19, 21, 22, and 24.

The amendment adds no new matter to the application.

Applicant requests reconsideration of this application based upon the amendments to the claims of this application and the following remarks.

#### **Examiner Interview**

Applicant thanks Examiner Sarwar for the courtesies extended to Applicant's attorney, Karl F. Horlander, Reg. No. 63,147, in a telephonic interview held October 27, 2009.

In the telephonic interview, the parties discussed the claims in view of the cited prior art and the Advisory Action, mailed October 21, 2009. No agreement was reached.

#### **Amended Claims**

The final Office Action rejected Claims 7-25 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over "Yamada," (U.S. Pat. Pub. 2003/0135748) in view of Philip J. Hayward (GB 2369205 A).

Applicant has amended independent Claims 7, 13, 21 and 22. In view of these amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections of Claims 1-19 and 20-25 are rendered moot. Accordingly, Applicant requests reconsideration of amended Claims 7, 13, 21, and 22, and the claims dependent thereupon.

#### **Conclusion:**

Applicant believes that the application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance be issued. Applicant respectfully

request that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney to arrange a telephone conference regarding the amended application in hopes of expeditious examination and/or allowance of the now pending claims unless the Examiner is favorably disposed to allow this application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karl F. Horlander". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Karl" being the most prominent.

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